THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A work for provision of Foot over Bridge has been sanctioned in 2001-02 at a cost of Rs. 23 lakh and tenders are under finalization.

(c) Does not arise.

Multi Model Suburban Commuter System for Hyderabad and Secunderabad

2880. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the details of the present status of the Multi Model Suburban Commuter Transport System for the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): A statement is attached.

Statement

Project for upgradation of routes of Falaknuma-Sccundcrabad, Secunderabad-Lingampally and Secunderabad - Nampally as phase I of the Multi Model Suburban Commuter Transport System has been included in the railway's work programme in the Supplementary Demands for Grants for the Railways 2001-02 at an estimated cost of Rs. 69.96 crore. The cost of the project is to be shared in the ratio of 50:50 between Railways and Government of Andhra Pradesh. Allocation of Rs. 25 crores has been made in the Railway Budget for year 2002-03. The work on the project is in progress and is targeted to be completed in the current financial year subject to timely land acquisition by State Government.

For identifying the overall transport system and structure of the Joint Venture Corporation proposed to be created, a Detailed Feasibility and Investment Banking Report (DFIBR) is to be prepared by a consultant. Andhra Pradesh Infrastructure Investment Corporation (APIIC), a corporation under the Government of Andhra Pradesh has been made a nodal agency for fixing up the

consultant for study. APIIC is in the process of finalising the Consultants.

Railway Safety Review Committee Report

2881. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the main recommendations of the Justice H.R. Khanna Railway Safety Review Committee report;

(b) the details of allocations made to maintain railway safety in the current year; and

(c) whether it was announced in the Budget that Rs. 17,000 crores is expected for undertaking safety-related works; if so, how Government would pool resources in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Railway Safety Review Committee-98 (Khanna Committee) has made 150 recommendations in Part-I and 128 recommendations in Part-II of their Report on various aspects of railway safety which include renewal of assets, human resource development and procurement of safety materials etc. In one of the recommendations, Railway Safety Review Committee has recommended that Central Government should provide a one time grant of Rs. 15,000 crores to Railways to wipe out arrears in renewals of track, bridges, rolling stock and signalling gear within a fixed time frame.

(b) The allocations for safety are made under plan heads Track Renewals, Bridge Works, Signalling, Machinery and Plant,